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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 June 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-26 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
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Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Wenzel et al. (Pub No.: US 2002/0167905).

Regarding claim 1, Wenzel et al. (“Wenzel”) teaches a method for use in a mobile communications network, comprising:

receiving a request from a wireless network to terminate a communications session with a mobile station;

in response to receiving the request to terminate, checking an indicator to determine whether the communications session is to be maintained for the mobile station; and

in response to determining that the communications session is to be maintained for the mobile station, generating a message to deny the request to terminate the communications session (see paragraph [0041]).

Regarding claims 2-4, note figure 2 and paragraphs [0038] and [0040].

Regarding claim 5, note “always on” “always connected” type network in paragraph [0040].

Regarding claim 6, note paragraph [0030].

Regarding claims 7-12, note paragraph [0041] and also note paragraph [0046].

Regarding claim 13, Wenzel teaches an article comprising at least one storage medium containing instructions that when executed cause a system to:

receive a request from a wireless network to terminate a communications session with a mobile station;

in response to receiving the request to terminate, checking an indicator to determine whether the communications session is to be maintained for the mobile station; and

in response to determining that the communications session is to be maintained for the mobile station, generating a message to deny the request to terminate the communications session (see paragraph [0041]).

Regarding claims 14-15, note figure 2 and paragraphs [0038] and [0040].

Regarding claim 16, note “always on” “always connected” type network in paragraph [0040].

Regarding claim 17, note paragraph [0036].

Regarding claims 18-21, note paragraph [0041] and also note paragraph [0046].

Regarding claim 22, Wenzel teaches a system comprising:

an interface to receive, from a wireless network, a request to terminate a communications session with a mobile station;

a controller to check an indicator to determine whether the communications session is to be maintained for the mobile station; and in response to determining that the communications session is to be maintained for the mobile station, generating a message to deny the request to terminate the communications session (see paragraph [0041]).

Regarding claim 23, note “always on” “always connected” type network in paragraph [0040].

Regarding claim 24, note PDSN 128 in figure 1.

Regarding claim 25, note paragraph [0030].

Regarding claim 26, note paragraph [0046].

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Wybenga et al. (Pub. No.: US 2004/0008649) also teaches a system and a method for use in a mobile communications network to remove an unused data session connected to a mobile terminal, as recited in the above rejected claims.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Binh K. Tieu whose telephone number is (571) 272-7510 and E-mail address: BINH.TIEU@USPTO.GOV.

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